

The Saturday News.

VOL. I.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, DECEMBER 30 1905.

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Notes and Comment

The Grand Trunk Pacific authorities have been saying little but constantly sawing wood for the last few months and now the announcement is made that the contracts for the line between Edmonton and Portage la Prairie will be let within sixty days. The principal interest for Edmonton lies in the route by which the railway will enter the city. Two have been surveyed and a choice between them has yet to be made. The first provides for a crossing of the river at Clover Bar, the second for one at the Hudson's Bay Port, the city being approached by way of 9th street. If the latter is adopted the C. P. R. will in all probability come in on the same high level bridge, while provision will doubtless be made for pedestrian and vehicular traffic in case municipal and government aid is given to the scheme. A great objection to the plan, however, would be that the line would cut into the heart of what promises to be the most beautiful residential district of the city. In making arrangements with the companies, if this second plan is adopted, steps would certainly have to be taken to prevent the railways from utterly spoiling this locality. If an entrance could be effected at the east end and a union station built near the present Canadian Northern depot, it would be preferable from every standpoint. The engineering difficulties do not seem to the casual observer to be any greater at one point than at the other and while we welcome the railways and all the prospects which they will bring, it would be a great mistake to let them ruin the appearance of the city.

The startling event of the week has been the sudden death in Paris of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Mr Prefontaine had had a most successful public career. For nearly twenty years he had been a member of the House of Commons and for the last four a member of the Cabinet. For a lengthy period he was mayor of Montreal. During his tenure of that office serious charges were made against his administration, the leading English liberal paper of the province, the Montreal Herald, leading in the campaign against him and his supporters in the Council. One of the results was the institution of proceedings for criminal libel against the managing director of that paper by Chief of Police Hughes, which proved a boomerang and brought about that official's resignation. This chapter of Mr Prefontaine's career, however, never seemed to interfere with his advancement in the wider fields of politics. He entered the administration when Mr Tarte was asked for his resignation by Sir Wilfred Laurier. He was a man of much polish and personal popularity and it is generally conceded that he made an excellent administrator. It is possible that his body will be brought home in a

British man-of-war. The French Government has offered to extend military honors. Mr Prefontaine was in France with Hon. Mr Lemieux in connection with the proposed establishment of a line of steamers from Marseilles to Canada.

On all sides complaints are being heard regarding delays in the mails in this part of the Dominion. It has been no uncommon thing to receive letters three or four days beyond the time at which they should arrive. Of course, the Christmas rush is responsible in a large measure but these inconveniences had to be put up with long before it started. Mr Aylesworth, the new Post master General, would greatly oblige the people of Edmonton and district if he would take the matter up and institute a thorough investigation at the earliest possible moment. It is evident to the most casual observer that the department has not kept pace with the development of the West and its increase in population. Better accommodation, for one thing, is most urgently required at the Edmonton office. The Calgary Herald throws light on the causes of some of the delays that we have had to put up with. According to the Herald an accumulation of from 80 to 100 mail sacks for the north lay in the baggage room of the C.P.R. station there for several days. No extra help for the holiday season has been engaged either on the trains or in the offices, and the public has to try to keep its temper as best as it can. Hon. Mr Oliver should bring pressure to bear on his fellow minister for the present state of affairs is growing altogether intolerable.

A washing machine factory from St. Mary's Ohio, has been in communication with the civic authorities in reference to the establishment of a branch factory here. It is not prepared to guarantee the employ of any definite number of men, though stating that twenty-five would likely be on the pay-roll from the start. It is intimated that a bonus would be necessary to bring the industry here. The council has referred the matter to the Board of Trade, which will likely take it up at an early date. To the Saturday News it would appear a great misfortune if a start were made with a system which has burdened so many municipalities in the east. It is thoroughly opposed to that self-reliant spirit which is the hope of Western Canada. If an industry cannot stand on its feet without coming to the public coffers for aid, it will in very few cases ever prove of any great value to anyone. The legislature of Alberta should at its very first session set an example to the rest of the Dominion by passing a stringent anti-bonusing law. In the older provinces, it has been found very difficult to put such legislation through, owing to the fact that most municipalities are engaged practically all the time in dickering with industries belonging to other towns and cities and their representatives are,



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therefore, hampered in respect to the passing of a general law. If all are alike prevented from diverting the civic funds to these purposes, no injustice is done to any. In Alberta the system should be done away with altogether before it attains any considerable growth.

The Bell Telephone Co. is asking the city to come to an agreement by which the local telephones may be connected with the long distance wire. To do so, it will be necessary to rebuild the civic system at a considerable cost. This work is necessary in itself, so that there is no reason why a satisfactory arrangement should not be entered into. It is imperative that Edmonton business men should have telephonic connection with the outside world and steps should be taken without delay to provide it. The new council will, it is expected, have the exact terms of the Bell company presented to it at one of its earliest meetings.

The Calgary papers are raising a great disturbance about the recent election in Peace River and hinting that all sorts of trickery have been practised. The facts of the case, as set forth in the Saturday News of last week, show the foolishness of their statements. The election was delayed and Mr. Dubuc claims that he was elected. Whether the proceedings will stand or not has yet to be determined. The matter will be fully considered as soon as the absent ministers return to their duties after the Christmas vacation. It is not the first time in Canadian history that difficulty has been experienced in holding an election in an outlying constituency and there is absolutely no justification for the insinuations which are being made. If the election was not held in accordance with the law, it would be an easy matter to upset it, no matter what conclusion the cabinet comes to.

The Saturday News would be pleased to hear an expression of opinion from its readers regarding the special article on the sixth page of this issue, in which is pointed out the great opportunity which now lies before the people of the municipality and the province to make Edmonton the beautiful city that it should be. The matter is a tremendously important one and all who have the future of the city at heart should give it their careful attention.

Conflicting reports come from Russia. According to one story the government has secured the upper hand of the revolutionists, while according to another the streets are still running with blood, and the authorities panic-stricken in the same old way. It must be said that at this distance very few people realize through what terrible times the country of the Czar has been passing. The newspaper reader has heard so many stories of outrages committed, either in the name of or against the existing order of things, that he glances over the headlines of despatches telling of startling occurrences, with great callousness. For instance, what would we think of an affair like this, if it happened anywhere but in Russia. For some time past the revolutionists have held the outskirts of Moscow from which the troops have been trying to dislodge them. Six thousand work-

men had gathered together in an iron works, where they were surrounded by cavalry and artillery. The soldiery, in order to dislodge them, set fire to the buildings, and hundreds are said to have perished in the conflagration. The casualty lists on some days in Moscow rival those of important engagements in Manchuria. What the end will be it is impossible for anyone to say. It is certain that before any progress towards settled peace can be made, it will be necessary for the government to restore order. The danger is that the present excesses will lead aid to those who wish to see the despotism maintained that has so long weighed so heavily on the country.

It is reported that the population of the little French island of St. Pierre in the gulf of St. Lawrence is becoming so rapidly depopulated that before very long France will be willing to hand it over to Great Britain. It belongs both geographically and industrially to Newfoundland, and the continuance of the French control is an anomaly, which the level-headed men who are guiding the destinies of the republic should see the folly of.

Personal

A. M. Stewart of the National Trust has gone east.

W. D. Vance and A. R. B. Edmonston have returned from Battleford.

Sergt. Major Sweetapple, V. S., R. N. W. M. P. was in the city this week and left for Calgary on Thursday.

D. H. Galbraith, travelling representative of I. C. S., Scranton, left for Calgary on Thursday.

C. Y. Weaver, Mannville, is in Edmonton for a few days.

A. F. Kelsey, Fort Saskatchewan, was in the city this week on business. He expects to start sawing on the little Vermillion, 20 miles below the Fort, early in January.

The Lethbridge Herald announces that W. A. Buchanan, of St. Thomas, has purchased a half interest in that promising journal. Mr. Buchanan will assume complete control of the paper. He was a visitor to Edmonton some weeks ago and made many friends during his stay. For the past four years he has been managing director of the St. Thomas Journal and was previous to that city editor of the Toronto Telegram. He is an exceedingly competent newspaper man and should accomplish great things in Lethbridge.

One of the social surprises of the Christmas season was the marriage of A. D. Severs, the popular manager of the Bank of British North America, familiarly known among his more intimate friends as the "Emperor." None of his bachelor friends had the slightest intimation of his premeditated desertion from their ranks and the news did not reach them until the bride and groom left on their honeymoon trip to Banff. Mr. Severs returned this morning with Mrs. Severs (formerly Mrs. Wills) and is now receiving hosts of congratulations which will be added to when the interesting news reaches Rossland and other of the Emperor's old haunts.—Calgary Herald.

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The Week in Calgary

Libel Case to be Further Ad-journed.

Hon. Mr. Oliver's Visit.

(From our own Correspondent)

Calgary, Dec. 29.—The Dennis-Edwards libel case will come before Police Magistrate Smith this afternoon but there is every reason to believe that another adjournment will take place. P. J. Nolan is acting for Mr Edwards and Senator Loughheed for the plaintiff. Last week Chief Justice Sifton gave an order for a writ of subpoena for William Whyte, second vice-president of the C.P.R. whom the defence had claimed would be a material witness. The interest in the case will certainly be heightened by Mr Whyte's presence and the further proceedings will be closely followed.

Business men generally are exceedingly well satisfied with the results of the Hon. Frank Oliver's visit to the city. The conference took place in the office of P. Burns and Co. The requests made to the Minister were five in number:

(1) The placing on the market a portion of the Sarcee Reserve, now being held by the Sarcee Indians.

(2) The holding of the next Western Dominion Exhibition in Calgary.

(3) The revising of the literature of the Immigration Department giving more scope to Central and Southern Alberta as a wheat growing country.

(4) The placing of a mail clerk on the south line, and the establishment of a street delivery for Calgary.

(5) The changing of the name of Turkey Red wheat to Alberta Red wheat.

Mr. Oliver gave a definite promise to take action regarding the Sarcees, either by their removal or by placing them in boundaries more than keeping with their requirements. He could not speak with as much certainty regarding the Dominion exhibition, but said that he would use every effort to have it held here. The citizens of Calgary would without doubt take the project up with enthusiasm, and it could be made the means of advertising Alberta generally as well as the city itself. It would be a welcome move in the Government's part and one that in the interests of the country it should not hesitate to make. With this part of the West developing just as it is at present, it is only right that every means should be made available by which it can make its resources better known to the outside world.

As to the other matters, Mr. Oliver promised that he would do what he could to meet the wishes of the business men. The gathering was a most agreeable one, and it is thought should have an excellent effect.

The following extract from the Winnipeg Free Press of twenty years ago has decided local interest:—

Stipendiary Magistrate Travis is creating more excitement at Calgary. Yesterday he had Editor Cayley, of the Calgary Herald, arraigned before him on a charge

of contempt of court, articles appearing in the Herald against the magistrate being alleged to be libellous. E. P. Davis appeared for the editor, but as he had been disbarred recently by Travis, he was ordered out of court. Davis refused to go, and so Travis had him forcibly ejected by the sheriff. The defence was then argued by FitzCochrane and Mr. Bleecker. For the prosecution Mr. Loughheed had been retained. At the conclusion of the case, Mr. Travis declared that Cayley was clearly guilty of libel, and he would punish him severely. His sentence was reserved until Thursday.

No. 96 and No. 1 had a head-on collision near Irvyne, east of Medicine Hat, on Monday night. The engines were damaged but no one was injured.

There are fourteen applications for the post of market clerk made vacant by Mr Singleton's death.

The double service on the C. P. R. will be discontinued on Sunday. No. 96 and No. 97 will be cut off and No. 1 and No. 2 will run at midnight.

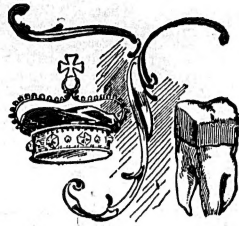
The agitation for the introduction of the commission system of conducting municipal affairs is not to be allowed to die down, even though considerable opposition to the idea has manifested itself among the newly-elected councillors. There is a great need for a change and Calgary could not do better than follow in the steps of Edmonton. From all accounts, there has been some dissatisfaction in the temporary capital with the working out of the plan, but on the whole, the charter has proven a success. It was impossible to avoid difficulties in the introduction of so radical a change. But the principle is all right and this being the case, obstacles in the way of its effective work will soon be cast aside.

Two terrible tragedies have darkened homes in Calgary within the past week. The death of Market Clerk Singleton and his wife through burning was a most deplorable affair. Just how it happened is impossible to say. It is believed that a lamp exploded. Mr. Singleton was found unconscious in a chair and Mrs. Singleton badly burned in her bed. Strange to say, the actual damage to the house and its contents was very small, amounting to less than \$100.

G. H. Ward, son of Conductor Ward of this city, who was a brakeman on the C.P.R., was assisting the fireman of his train in taking on coal at Canmore when he slipped into the coal pit of the tender and was buried and smothered to death by coal running from the chute.

Some trouble is being experienced with the lighting plant and once recently the city was in complete darkness all night long.

A considerable sensation was created on Tuesday when William H. Latimer, who has been staying for some time past at the Alberta Hotel, was placed under arrest. He is charged with obtaining money under false pretences from Eliza Carpenter of Philadelphia. P. J. Nolan is looking after Mr Latimer's interests.



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Christmas found a good many homesick men in Edmonton. It wasn't that their opinion of the city or the country had suffered, but no matter how well pleased with the way things are going or how many good friends you have made in recent months or years, most people can't help wishing, when this great holiday season comes around, that they could get back to the scenes and the faces with which your earlier days are associated. Such a large proportion of our population is composed of comparative new comers and so few of them are enjoying home life in the ordinary sense, that it was hardly surprising to hear many express relief when the day was at last over and they were able to get back to their ordinary occupations in earnest. The peculiar malady which goes by the name of homesickness affects many others besides the young lady who has just gone off to boarding-school and it is a fact that those who suffer most severely from it at times usually say the least about it. Did you ever notice how poetry, which deals with it, appeals to people of all sorts and conditions. From "Home Sweet Home" down, many a singer has set his harp to this theme. Lord Rosebery at a recent Scotch dinner quoted a singularly beautiful Scotch-Canadian boat song, which is ascribed to John Galt, who did so much for Eastern Canada in its early days, and whose family has taken such a prominent part in the development of the West. One verse runs:

From the lone shieling of the misty island
Mountains divide us, and the waste of seas—
Yet still the blood is strong, the heart is Highland,
And we in dreams behold the Hebrides
Fair these broad meads, these hoary woods are grand
But we are exiles from our father's land.

"The Song of the Exile" appeared a few months ago in the London Spectator. Though written by an Englishman exiled in India, it gives expression to the feelings of many of his countrymen, who are helping to build up the Empire in a country of different and happier climatic conditions. Here is one stanza:

Green memories still haunt and evade us
Cool scenes mocking pass and repass
Brief glimpses of parks and green pastures
Soft lawns and wide fields of long grass;
And the tyrannous sun is forgotten,
Forgotten the glare of its beams
While fancy-enthralled, we revisit
The land of our dreams.

I am tempted to add still another
It is that of an Italian exile and concludes:
Would I once more might see the dome of gold
Burning aloft, beneath my native sky!
The river, winding, near my home of old,
And once again to breathe before I die,
The evening breeze, may it be granted me
In that fair city by the distant sea!

But I hear one of my friends saying as he reads these doleful lines: "What's the use of giving us stuff of this sort? Haven't we enough in this great and glorious country to take up our attention, without wasting time in regretting that we left places where life wasn't half as pleasant as it is here. If a man has to indulge in this sort of thing, why did he ever come out here or why doesn't he start in to save enough money to take one of the cheap excursions home?" Of the hard-headed common sense of these remarks there will be no doubt. But there is a good deal of inconsistency in human nature, and it is more apparent near Christmas than at any other time in the year. There was certainly more excuse for homesickness on the part of those who came out here to live twenty or thirty years ago, cut off as they were from the rest of the world.

An old newspaper man, "Sir" Saunders of Lethbridge, has recently retired from active work. He can tell the present generation of westerners something of the disheartening conditions under which the foundations of the now flourishing communities of Alberta were laid. In 1881 it was decided to establish a newspaper at McLeod. A plant was purchased in Toronto, sent to Duluth, from there to Bismark, Dakota, and then on up the Missouri by boat to Fort Benton, Montana, from which it was taken overland.

"But on the way," says Mr. Saunders, "the water in the river got low, and part of the cargo was unloaded on the bank, hundreds of miles from anywhere, and left there under tarpaulins till next year. Amongst this, was our printing outfit. In the spring, the water rose again, and our press and type were found and brought up to the first boat. It was freighted by bull team from there to McLeod."

When he came out there were only six white women between Edmonton and the Montana boundary. Think, ye homesick men, what a Christmas here must have been like at that time. Mrs. A. M. Morden, who still lives at Pincher Creek was one of them. The first issue of the McLeod Gazette came out on Dominion Day, 1882. The first paper in the Territories was the Battleford Herald, published by Mr. Lawrie, and the second was the Edmonton Bulletin. The Gazette was the third. The paper sold for 15 cents a copy, but as there was nothing in the country smaller than a quarter, two were given for twenty-five cents. For advertising and job work, the publishers got anything they wanted to ask, according to Mr. Saunders. In 1885 he began to run the Lethbridge News. No less a personage than Hon. F. W. G. Haultain was at one time his editorial writer.

A Methodist negro exhorter shouted, "Come up en jine de army ob de Lord."

"I se done jined," replied one of the congregation.

"Whar'd yoh jine?" asked the exhorter.

"In de Baptist Chur'ch."

"Why chile," said the exhorter, "yoh ain't in de army, yoh's in de navy."

A story is told of the editor of a rural newspaper, who was much impressed, during President Mc-

Kinlay's illness, with the methods of bulletining the distinguished patient's condition. Deacon Jones fell ill and he determined to show his enterprise. He posted a series of bulletins as follows:—

10 a.m.—Deacon Jones no better.
11 a.m.—Deacon Jones has relapse.

12.30 p.m.—Deacon Jones weaker, pulse falling

1 p.m.—Deacon Jones has slight rally.

2.15 p.m.—Deacon Jones' family has been summoned.

3.10 p.m.—Deacon Jones has died and gone to heaven.

Later in the afternoon a travelling salesman happened by. He stopped to read the bulletins and going up to the board added another. It was:—

4.10 p.m.—Great excitement in Heaven. Deacon Jones has not yet arrived.

When the earthquake of fifteen or twenty years ago struck South Carolina, a town council in one of the town of the State was in session. When the shock came, the civic fathers rushed pell-mell out of the building. Later the clerk went back to finish up the minutes of the meeting. His final entry was: "On motion of the town hall, the council adjourned."

THE LOUNGER.

Personal

B. L. Thorne of Bankhead was here over Christmas.

Miss Thompson of Calgary has been enjoying a holiday with Edmonton friends.

Miss McKinnon of Queen's avenue school is visiting in Red Deer.

Mr. R. P. Williams and Mr. J. C. Shannon of Mannville are in town.

G. A. McCurdy of the Whitelaw Company and wife and daughter will spend the next few weeks at Sherbrooke, Que.

Mrs. J. H. Weldon of Soda Lake, who has been confined to the hospital in this city, has returned to her home fully recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Waterston and family, who are numbered among the old timers of Wetaskiwin, have left for Quebec, where they will spend the winter and perhaps longer.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, when here as a member of the Tariff Commission, was the guest of D. H. McKinnon, of Strathcona and attended the morning service in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Fielding is an old acquaintance of Rev. Mr. Flemming's and also of Rev. Dr. McRae's, who was the preacher on that occasion.

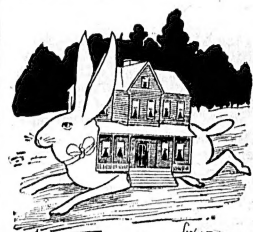
Rev. C. R. Carscallen B. A. and wife were recently visiting the former's parents in Red Deer. They left on the 21st and sailed on the 24th where Mr. Carscallen is to enter on missionary work. He was acting pastor at Wetaskiwin Methodist church for some time.

Mr. J. F. Kelsey, whose name will no doubt be familiar to many Edmonton old timers is on his way to Australia, with the idea of starting a company to farm on a large scale. He is getting out steam diggers etc., and has Jowen, North Queensland, as his destination.

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The Railway World

General Manager Morse Coming— Service to Calgary to be Improved

The most pressing duty that the new Edmonton Council will have to face is that of securing an agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific authorities. It is most unfortunate that it has been delayed so long and citizens generally are anxious that no time should be wasted in bringing the negotiations to completion. The news that General manager Morse will be here in the course of a few weeks will thus be greatly welcomed. The new councillors should be fully prepared for him, so that the matters that will come under discussion may be settled with all the despatch consistent with the proper safeguarding of the city's interests. Mayor MacKenzie recently telegraphed to the general manager urging speedy action and on Saturday Mr. Van Arsdol, the divisional engineer at this point, received the following telegram from Mr. Morse:

"Please advise Mayor MacKenzie his message received. Expect to be in the west early next year and will be pleased to take up the subject of agreement."

When A. J. Hutchins, president of the Calgary Board of Trade, and F. G. Dawson, manager of Campbell Bros. & Wilson, in that city, were in the East recently, they had a talk with J. J. Hill of the Great Northern. They found Mr. Hill exceedingly interested in everything pertaining to Canada, and have no doubt that the invasion of Canadian territory which he is projecting will be thorough in every respect. When they saw him, he had a map of the Canadian West before him, and casually pointed to that part of British Columbia where his lines are being extended and declared that he had some 2500 men now at work in the mountains.

"It may be two years before we get through there and when we do we are coming down on the prairie and see what we can do for you people," explained Mr. Hill, deliberately. Further, Mr. Hill remarked that he had to get his line across Kootenay lakes and the shortest route was two miles long but he had to cross some way to get to Fernie and he would cross. He made no secret of the fact that his policy had always been never to build lines in return for bonuses or any other inducements other than the actual traffic prospect, so that his enterprises would earn a legitimate dividend from the start. It had been his experience that he was thus enabled to dispose of his bonds in the open market much easier than if he had been backed by bonuses and government aid.

The new stations on the Lacombe branch of the C. P. R. are Nevis, Erskine, and Stettler, the exact mileage being 49.06. On the Wetaskiwin branch the new stations are Olaton, Bawlf and Daysland, the mileage being 50.05. On the Wetaskiwin branch a train will leave Daysland on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the morning, connecting at Wetaskiwin with the Edmonton branch trains. On the same days a train will leave Lacombe in the afternoon on the arrival of the Edmon-

ton branch trains for Stettler. On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, a train will leave Stettler in the morning, connecting at Lacombe with the Edmonton trains and in the afternoon a train will leave Wetaskiwin on the same days for Daysland on the arrival of the Edmonton branch trains.

The Vancouver World says: It is a fact that the C. P. R. is charging Vancouver shippers more than double the rates given Calgary shippers to Revelstoke. So far out of reason is this arrangement that the Calgary merchants have only recently found out what an enormous advantage they possess, though the tariff has been in force since August 1, 1904, or over a year. It is only a few weeks since a local firm discovered that a Calgary rival was laying goods down in Revelstoke cheaper than a Vancouver firm could do it, and an investigation divulged the existence of the new tariff.

So absurd is it that Calgary can shut Vancouver out of Revelstoke, that the Calgary merchants, not knowing what the Vancouver rates were, took it for granted for over a year that they could not expect to sell in Revelstoke, and consequently did not try. At last they have found out, possibly the C. P. R. officials at Calgary were forced to draw attention to it, and now Vancouver's territory ends at Kamloops.

A Hundred Million

Recent Visitor to Edmonton Expects Canada to Have That Population Before Long

Robert Bickerdike M. P. of Montreal paid a visit to Edmonton the week before last in connection with the proposed opening of a branch of the Hochelaga Bank in this city. He was evidently much impressed with what he saw and has been giving his opinions of the country since he returned to the east. He is no idle dreamer but one of the most hard-headed business men of the eastern metropolis. He is vice-president of the Hochelaga Bank. He went through to the coast and investigated conditions very thoroughly and here is his statement of his conclusions.

"I am not sure," he said "that you and I may not live to see a hundred million of people in our country. You have in the west the greatest heritage on earth to-day. It is simply fabulous what is likely to happen in this wonderful country. You are only on the threshold of development and success, and I look for marvellous things. You may think me an optimist, but I am generally regarded as a sober business man. I am, however, of the opinion I have expressed, and the more I think of your possibilities the more I am convinced that I am right."

D. D. Mann, the Canadian Northern vice-president, is an enthusiastic automobilist. Mr. Mann was recently taxed one dollar without costs in Toronto for running his automobile at an excessive speed, and last week for running at night without a light Mr. Mann was fined another dollar and this time with costs.

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To Our Readers.

The Saturday News desires to thank those who have during the past week shown their appreciation of its initial effort. Copies of the paper were distributed freely throughout the city and country, and the same course will be pursued during the coming week.

By this plan ample opportunity is given the reading public of learning for themselves the character of newspaper which it is proposed to turn out, and beginning with the first issue of the New Year, it will be placed on sale upon the streets and sent to regular subscribers only. That it will speedily win its way into the good graces of the people of the city and province, there is, judging from the kindly expressions of opinion which have come to us, every reason to hope.

The work of organization has been heavy but it is gradually becoming completed and it is felt that the venture is now fairly launched. Attention is called to the page designed especially for women readers, which appears for the first time in this issue. This, as was pointed out last week, is the pioneer undertaking of this kind in Alberta journalism and should become the popular feature that it has proven in connection with eastern publications.

No department can be of more interest, if properly conducted, to city readers, at least, than that dealing with the real estate intelligence. It is hoped that that which the Saturday News proposes to conduct will present an accurate and complete review of all the week's transactions and that it may serve a useful purpose from time to time in guiding investors.

Athletic life in Edmonton and the other communities in which the Saturday News circulates has developed to a remarkable extent for a new country, and it is believed that the page in this paper to be given over to it will provide information that will be welcome to lovers of games of all kinds and be the means of promoting a widespread interest in clean, healthy sport.

The interests of Edmonton are bound up with those of the farming community of the province, and all matters pertaining to the welfare of the agriculturist will find a place in these columns.

Last but not least, we believe our readers will appreciate frank and intelligent comment on all public matters. We do not propose to adopt the philosophy of Hosea Bigelow:

"I'll allow that a man may go tolerable strong
Against wrong in the abstract;
For that kind of wrong
Is always unpopular and never gets pitied—
It's a kind that no feller has ever committed.
But he musn't go hard on particular sins

For then he gets kicking the people's own shins."

The Saturday News intends that, when it is in the public interest to have it so, some shins will suffer at its hands from time to time.

The editor extends a very hearty invitation to all who are interested in the success of the paper to visit him at his office in the Sandison Block, and desires to wish each and every reader a Happy New Year.

The Farmers' Association.

An Organization which should do great things for Alberta.

The officers of the Alberta Farmers' Association are giving up their time most unselfishly to furthering the interests, and a great extension of its scope may be looked for in the course of the next few months. Agriculturists throughout all this section of the west are showing a decided interest in its work. A constitution will shortly be printed. The objects of the organization are set forth as follows:—

(1) To forward the interests of the producers of grain and live stock in every honorable and legitimate way.

(2) To hold meetings for the discussion of subjects pertaining to the production of grain and live stock and the best means of marketing the same.

(3) To encourage the production of superior varieties of grain and the breeding and rearing of improved stock.

(4) To encourage the establishment of industries which will give the producer greater facilities for marketing his produce.

(5) To obtain by united effort profitable and equitable prices for farm produce.

(6) To watch legislation relating to the farmers' interests, particularly that affecting the marketing and transportation of farm produce.

(7) To suggest to parliament from time to time the passing of any new legislation to meet changing conditions and requirements.

Among the questions to be asked at the regular meetings of the association's branches, are these:—

Does any member know of a case of sickness or distress in the neighborhood that needs especial attention?

Has any member anything he wishes to sell?

Does any member wish to buy something which might be obtained in the neighborhood?

Does any member wish to employ a hand to work?

Does any member wish a job of work, or know of a person who does?

Have any communications been received of interest to the members?

What is the condition of the markets affecting products of the neighborhood?

What are the general crop prospects of the neighborhood?

The association should be able to do a very great deal for the cause of agriculture in this part of the Dominion, and every farmer who hopes to keep in line with his profession should take advantage of the privileges to be gained by becoming a member.

The work of fitting up the new offices of the Bank of Nova Scotia in the Empire Block has begun.

EDMONTON'S GREAT OPPORTUNITY

In view of the fact that during the coming year it is proposed to establish a park system in Edmonton, the SATURDAY NEWS has deemed it advisable to secure some information regarding the plans which have been pursued in other cities on this continent, with a view to affording some guidance to the citizens of the Alberta capital in the matter. Two things in particular are impressed by a study of conditions elsewhere. The first is that a city which expects to become a large place is wise to make adequate provision for a park system in its early days before property values rise to such a height as to make it exceedingly difficult to do so. The people of Edmonton evidently realize the necessity of taking action at the present time. They feel certain that before long a metropolis of the north will have arisen here to take its place among the great cities of Canada and if one is to judge by the addresses and promises made during the recent municipal election campaign, no time will be lost in setting in motion a programme of park acquisition. To show what can be accomplished through taking time by the forelock is illustrated in the case of New York City. Central Park, which covers 840 acres, cost a little over \$5,000,000. This was about fifty years ago. During the past ten years plots of land amounting to about ten acres have been also acquired in the heart of the city. These ten acres cost more than the whole of Central Park did.

The second point made clear by the experience of American cities is that if a municipality desires to have a park system which will do it credit there is no use going about its creation in any haphazard way. A body of men, known as landscape architects, have given themselves up to the study of these things, and if the Council of Edmonton is wise, it will, before starting in to make any purchases for park purposes, commission one of them to come here and after a thorough inspection, draft a report upon which the Council may act.

An exceptional opportunity now lies open to the citizens of the capital to make a good beginning. Little of the land most suitable for parks has as yet been encroached upon. Along the banks of the Saskatchewan can be created a parkway which would have few rivals in beauty the whole world over. Then within the next year or so, a great variety of new public buildings will have to be erected. Among the necessities are parliamentary buildings, a residence for the lieutenant governor, a court house, a post office, a union railway station and a city hall, while a public library and an opera house, though not exactly necessities would satisfy distinct public demands. Should some effort not be made to have these various buildings erected in accordance with a general plan for beautifying the city. The experience of other municipalities may serve to show what can be done in this connection.

The city of Cleveland has lately begun work on a project which should interest Edmonton. It is technically known as a "municipal group scheme." A few years ago it happened in that city that the

people were considering at the same time the erection of a city hall, a court house, a public library, a union station and a post office. What was done is told in a comprehensive way in an interesting pamphlet, recently issued by the Philadelphia Allied Organizations and written by Andrew Wright Crawford and Frank Miles Day. It was proposed that these buildings should be arranged around a mall so as to increase their convenience, to produce a complete effect, to enhance the beauty of each other and to give the stranger an impression which would never be forgotten. After several years of effort a plan was evolved and has now been adopted. It consists of the cutting of a central mall from a part of the city, which, though near its centre, has no buildings of great value, the land itself being less costly than that which surrounds it. At the head of the mall, the post office is under construction and side by side with it and balancing it the public library. At either side of the foot of the mall and facing the lake are to be built the city hall and the court house. The union station is separated by a beautiful bit of park land from these two buildings and along the lake near by is to be a landing place for passenger steamers. The result will be to give an entrance-way to the city which for dignity and beauty can hardly be surpassed. If this group plan had not been adopted, more costly building sites would certainly have been selected than have now been secured. The whole cost for the land and for the improvement of the mall is only about 25 per cent of the cost of the public buildings being erected to face it. But sites are left as well for other buildings to be erected in the course of time. The people of Cleveland feel certain that in a very short period they will have what will correspond favorably with those wonderful and beautiful architectural effects in European capitals that command the admiration of the world.

A similar plan is also to be carried out in St. Louis, where an official commission is projecting a parkway between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets, extending from Olive street to Clark avenue. The newly-constructed city hall will face upon it, and to this will be added very shortly a court house and public library, and other public and semi-public buildings, which it is determined from time to time to erect.

Is it not advisable to attempt some such general scheme for Edmonton. It will doubtless be said by some that it is foolish for a city of this size to try to do what Cleveland and St. Louis are doing. It certainly would be foolish to spend the money that they are devoting to their projects. Such outlays as they are making are altogether beyond our present means. But it is quite possible to adopt their ideas and work them out on a scale in keeping with our resources and requirements. These public buildings that we have named over have to be erected in Edmonton in a very short time. Sites must be purchased for them in any case, and isn't worth while having them all

Removal Announcement

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sure to make the city as beautiful and impressive as possible?

Wouldn't it be better to have the city, the provincial and Dominion governments, the railways and individual citizens who may be considering the erection of public buildings, co-operate and employ some competent landscape architect to draw up a general plan, than to have the various buildings go up in any old place?

Is this isn't done, we venture to say that some day, not many years hence, when Edmonton shall have become the great city which we all expect it to be, the greatest regret will be generally felt that the advice which is now tendered was not adopted. Nature has already done a lot for us. We have a magnificent situation. Shouldn't we do so something to enhance its dignity and beauty? Shouldn't the capital city of such a province as Alberta be able to hold its own in time, so far as appearance goes, with the other capitals in the world? The matter is one which the city council and the provincial government should direct their closest attention to in the course of the next few months.

But this, of course, is but one way in which the work of civic improvement can be carried out. Provision can now be made for breathing spaces, both in the central and outlying parts of the city. That the new council intends to address itself in earnest to this there is every reason to believe. It can be done now at a comparatively small cost, and future generations are sure to rise up and call those blessed who at this stage in our growth make this provision for the coming years. It is worth while noting what a few other cities have done. The most comprehensive and beautiful park system in America is generally conceded to be that of Boston. Within eleven miles of the Boston State House, there are now 15,000 acres of park land and 25 miles of parkways. For the benefit of the legislature of Alberta, it should be carefully noted that in order to improve the capital of Massachusetts, the legislature of that state appropriated three million dollars for the use of the Boston park commission.

Kansas city, which isn't a tremendously large place, has over 2000 acres of park land and ten-and-a-half miles of completed parkways. It has also several large public playgrounds with all necessary apparatus for outdoor games.

Providence has 1400 acres, while the Blackstone Boulevard is 9300 feet long and 200 feet in width. It has a length of connecting drive-ways about eighteen-and-a-half miles long.

In Omaha 15 miles of parkways have been constructed, and it is proposed to add ten miles more.

The cities cited are not the largest ones in the Union. In New York and Chicago, as is well-known, vast park systems have been constructed at enormous cost. But sufficient has been said to show what is being accomplished and to show the advantage of taking action at an early stage in our municipal growth. If we have faith in Edmonton, we should not lose the great opportunity which now lies open to us.

The Alberta Farmers' Association held a meeting at Baker's schoolhouse, 18 miles east of Edmonton, on Wednesday night, while another will be held to-night at Fort Saskatchewan.

Peter Larson Stricken

The Rise to Fortune of the Richest Scandinavian in America

Among the settlers of Alberta there are few from whom better things are looked for than from the Scandinavians. They are an exceedingly industrious and intelligent people. In the Western States they are speedily rising to positions of great prominence. One of them, Johhson by name, was elected governor of Minnesota last year on the Democratic ticket, when the Republicans carried the State for the presidency by a very large majority. Peter Larson of Montana is considered the wealthiest man in the Northwest after Senator Clark, the copper King. He is said to be worth from fifteen to twenty five million. He now lies at his home in that state, suffering from cancer which is said to be incurable. He was born in the island of Funen, off Denmark, 50 years ago.

For the first twenty years his life was that of an ordinary peasant lad in Denmark. He came to America empty-handed and ignorant of the language. He worked as a common laborer on the Mississippi jetties and on railroad work. His first savings of \$300 disappeared through the smooth ways of a swindler. Larson drifted north and engaged as a railroad contractor. He built more of the Northern Pacific than any other man and later built portions of the Great Northern.

The Morning mine at Mullaur, Idaho, which he owned together with T. L. Greenough, alone paid a profit of \$25,000 a month for ten years and was recently sold for \$3,000,000.

He cleared more than a million off the Russell A. Alger tract, near Whatcom, Wash. A Helena banker asserts that two months ago Larson had \$1,500,000 on deposit in one New York financial institution. These deals do not include his profits and investments in the National bank of Montana, the First National of Billings, the Cascade bank of Great Falls, the Old National of Spokane, nor in the flour mills at Spokane and Seattle, his many mining ventures in Montana, Idaho and British Columbia, nor his numerous other ventures.

A Kindly Welcome

The Wetaskiwin Times says: A. B. Watt has decided to launch upon the Alberta journalistic sea, the Saturday News, setting out on his career in Edmonton. The paper will not be one of news alone, but will be of comment upon all matters of life and interest in Alberta. Mr. Watt is a very clever newspaper man, with considerable experience. For some years he was editor-in-chief of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review. The time seems to be opportune for the establishment in Alberta of a paper similar to the one proposed and the man is right there who can run it in proper style. The News will make its appearance shortly.

The Supreme Court opens in Edmonton on February 6th. It is expected that the Lilgie trial will come on about the 16th.

Railway News

R. R. Jameson, general superintendent of the Western C. P. R. division, makes the announcement that the second train every other day between Edmonton and Calgary will likely be made a daily service in the spring, giving two trains each day. The traffic would certainly seem to fully warrant the extension. For weeks past all the trains on this line have been crowded. Undoubtedly, though, the opening of the C. N. R. will serve to divert considerable traffic which in the past has gone around by Calgary. It has already been decided to put another train on the line from Calgary to the south. A mixed train will leave each morning.

George Ham of the C. P. R. is probably the most popular railway official ever in the employ of a Canadian road. He has time and again visited Alberta, and every time he comes he makes for himself new friends. Twenty years ago he was a newspaper editor in Winnipeg. The C. P. R. saw how well he could serve its purpose in popularizing its lines with the travelling public and took him into its service. Many a party of distinguished travellers he has since that time taken through the West. The state of Mr. Ham's health alarmed his family during the past summer. Mainly for the sake of the outing, he went to Europe. At a banquet in Scotland he was a guest and made a speech which is described by the press as exceedingly witty, as anything emanating from Mr. Ham could scarcely help being. A poem in his honor, from the pen of Neil Munro, the Scotch Novelist, was read on this occasion. Mr. Munro was in Edmonton, as a member of the British journalistic party, which was brought out last year to see the West. His lines are well worth reproducing:

The Lord one day in a happy mood
Made Canada—mountain and plain and wood,
The sounding carnet and the lake.
On whose blue borders the poplars shake.
"The good!" said the Lord, and took His rest,
Not soon in His wilderness felt upset.
First He the wood, then with bird and beast,
With thunder of hooves He filled the west.
Set the Red Man forth in a generous trail.
"He glad!" He commanded, without avail.
For the Indian sukked in a dream surprise,
And something was wanting in God's eyes.
At a breath the buffalo ceased to be.
The fire died down in the brave's tepee.
White men ploughed over the prairie flowers,
Smiling not even in leisure hours.
For their minds were on foolish futilities set.
And God saw something was wanting yet.
Long thought the Lord, and one bright day
He made him a man of His spit and clay.
And set him forth in the sun to dry.
In a place where waters went dripping by,
Said the Lord: "He laughter wherever you are,
Stand forth, George Ham of the C. P. R."
So wherever the C. P. R. lines run,
From Montreal to the setting sun,
If there be folk who are tired and sad,
They will welcome George, the perennial lad,
Georgious Rex—true King of Smiles,
Who carries laughter ten thousand miles.

An application will be made at the next session at Ottawa for an act to incorporate a new company, to be known as the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Co., to establish, construct or acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, and to maintain and operate any overhead, underground, wireless or cable lines of telegraph or telephone from and to any place in Canada or elsewhere.

The service at St. Joachim's Church on Christmas eve was attended by what was probably the largest congregation that ever assembled in an Edmonton church. The musical portion was exceedingly beautiful and produced an impression which will not be easily forgotten.

A Lad's Adventure.

Shot at Grouse and shot a Panther—Immense Herring Shoals

To shoot at a grouse and kill a panther was the extraordinary adventure of Vivian Ployart, eleven years old, according to the officers of the steamer Joan, which recently arrived at Vancouver from Nanaimo. The young hunter was out for a day's sport in Comox valley and his shotgun was loaded with bird shot. His dog treed a grouse and as the lad fired a panther sprang at him. The charge of shot passed through the heart of the animal. The panther measured six feet four inches from tip to time.

Another extraordinary event reported from Nanaimo has reference to the immense shoals of herring now in the harbor, which are being caught by whales and hake as well as fishermen. While the coal miners' ferry boat was taking the men home, a big shoal of hake came to the surface, attracted by the glare of the pit lamps upon the surface of the water. The fish were so thick that the coal miners reached down their arms and scooped them up.

A Postmaster in Trouble

Postmaster King of Calgary recently received a most unusual letter. The letter was addressed on the front and back of it. On the front the letter read as follows:

From box 32, Alberni, B. C.
The Postmaster of N. W. Territories:

The letter contains the Prophetic matter connected with curious movement of Erratic Doukoubours, of the different Tribes of Doukoubours, To bring them To a proper state of their Senses. It was not addressed to any particular persons. To Postmaster at the near police barracks. Give to the police or nearest church. As I was away from Alberni when I received as I believe this spiritual message.

On the back the following is written:

The persons name I have forgotten. If no Doukoubours are in vicinity Don't return this letter to me. Stampage up to 50 cents for further forwarding will be paid by dropping Post Card to Mrs. Ericson, The Postmistress, Alberni, B. C.

Some Doukoubour Church or responsible minister.

J. JOHN,
Box 32, Alberni, B. C.

Work is to be rushed forward on the new immigration hall to be erected on the north-west corner of Columbia avenue and First street, facing the Canadian Northern Depot. Thos. Page has been awarded the contract.

The C. N. R. lines have been divided into four districts. Division No. 4 comprises the following: Gilbert Plains Junction to Kam-sack; Kam-sack to Humboldt; Humboldt to North Battleford; North Battleford to Vermillion; Vermillion to Edmonton; total length 644 miles, to be operated under Superintendent J. Abbott, with W. J. Pace as assistant superintendent and headquarters at Edmonton.

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About Town.

At Friday night's Council meeting it was decided, on motion of Aldermen Griesbach and Picard, to grant City Solicitor Beck a bonus of \$300, in view of the great amount of extra work which he has had to do during the past year. The city is very fortunate in possessing so competent a man for the post, and it will be generally agreed that this recognition of his services is well deserved.

The city agreed to pay the expenses in connection with the treatment of the late Dr. Tullock at the public hospital.

The total expenditure in connection with the inaugural ceremonies last September was \$9871.32.

Those in charge of the second annual dinner at Alberta College last Thursday evening are being warmly congratulated on its success. The addresses, from that of the Lieutenant-Governor down, were of high order. The college has made wonderful progress for a young educational institution.

The city commissioners have reported to the Council that they have been considering the matter of a new telephone system, obtaining prices, etc. The installation of the automatic system would cost about \$43,000 and the manual system \$35,300. They suggest that a deputation, accompanied by a telephone expert, visit towns where automatic systems are in use.

T. Wilson is the first superintendent of the Sunday School organized in connection with the Queen's avenue Presbyterian Church.

Le Courrier de l'Onest in last week's issue published a Christmas letter from the veteran missionary, Father Lacombe, addressed to those who are interested in the work of the church among the half-breeds of the west and to the half-breeds themselves. He earnestly requests the latter to come the colony of St. Paul, which as he explains, was organized for them. "Abandon," he says, "this wandering life, this life of demoralization and poverty. Come to your priests that you and your children may receive religious instruction. You know the fatherly interest which I have in you. Come and form your colony. It is your religion which calls you there."

The guests of the Grand View Hotel spent a most enjoyable time Christmas Day. After a capital dinner a concert was held in the parlor, where songs were rendered by Messrs W. Parker, C. Dawes, W. Clarke and R. C. Lowe which were cordially received by the guests. Mr. R. C. Lowe officiated at the piano.

The seed grain special is due to reach Edmonton at 2 p. m. on Friday Jan. 19. It will be in Strathcona at 11.45 a. m. the same day and at Leduc at 10 a. m. On Thursday Red Deer, Lacombe and Ponoka will be visited and on Saturday Fort Saskatchewan, Vegreville and Vermillion.

The Gold Boarding House will hereafter be known as the Senate Hotel, a license having been secured.

H. R. Allison, of the C. P. R. staff, Calgary, recently visited Edmonton and Strathcona. It is reported from the latter town that his trip was in connection with the proposed high level bridge.

The C. P. R. proposes to commence the running of a through sleeper from Winnipeg to Strathcona shortly.

Superintendent Constantine, "N" Division R. N. W. M. Police left for Fort Saskatchewan Wednesday morning. He is making arrangements for the despatching of some five four-horse team loads of supplies to his detachment, wintering at Fort St. John, Peace River, in preparation for continuing the trail cutting to the Yukon in the spring.

Market Clerk Grierson's office was entered on Monday night but the burglars were able to find nothing of value.

F. Knight, lately of Dauphin, is to have charge of the C. N. R. roundhouse here.

W. J. McCullough, former manager of the Windsor Hotel, will assume the management of the hotel for the new proprietors.

A large sawmill will shortly be established in Strathcona near the end of the bridge by a company headed by W. H. Clark of Edmonton, with whom are associated W. S. Dwinell of Minneapolis, W. J. Finlayson of Bottineau, S. Dakota, and J. A. McDougall and H. M. Wilson, Edmonton. Timber will be brought down the Saskatchewan from limits from 65 to 100 miles up the river.

The Evening Journal makes the following much appreciated reference: The Saturday News, Edmonton's new weekly paper, appeared to-day. A. B. Watt, formerly editor of the Woodstock Sentinel Review, is editor and proprietor. The first issue is a creditable number—newsy and carefully edited.

In Fall of 1907

Edmonton and Portage la Prairie
Will be Connected by
the G. T. P.

The Grand Trunk Pacific authorities announce from Ottawa that the contract for the construction of the road between French Wood Hill, the western end and has been awarded to McDonald & McMillan. This means that 775 additional miles will be covered by a large force of men before the frost is out of the ground. It has been decided to connect Portage la Prairie and Edmonton early in the fall of 1907. On Feb. 1 the government will ask for tenders for the construction line between this city and Winnipeg Junction, the end of the Lake Superior branch.

The Pacific terminus, will be determined when the prairie and western slope surveys are completed. The company has an option on three different localities.

A. C. Roberts and John Ford of Portal, N. D., are spending some time in the Edmonton district.

Among those who left for the east from Wetaskiwin to spend Christmas with friends were: Messrs. W. J. Loggie and W. Forbes, to Toronto, Ont.; John Berry to Vincent, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wiler and family and Dr. and Mrs. Wiler to Wisconsin; D. McRae and S. Langford to Ontario points.

Throughout the West.

Two desperate prisoners escaped from Stony Mountain penitentiary on Friday night last. One of them was a half-breed and the other a Cockney. As they were considered dangerous characters, they had been put in a specially safe compartment, and escaped by cutting their way through the roof. The wardens of the penitentiary are scouring the country to find them. They were in their stocking feet when they escaped, and so could not have gone far in that condition.

Michael Proulx, a well known resident of the Carman district, died suddenly on board the east-bound Canadian Northern train about 20 miles west of that town. Mr. Proulx had been working in the wood camps at Leary's, and being taken ill, his two sons undertook to bring him to the hospital here. He was able to walk into the car, but shortly after was taken violently ill, and died in his seat.

The Vancouver Province points out this remarkable fact: The officers, passengers and crew of the oriental liner Empress of India, Captain Beetham, leaving Vancouver on Monday, Dec. 25, en route across the Pacific ocean, will have no New Year's Day. This is owing to the change of time and date crossing the hundred and eightieth meridian, which the officers of the India hope to reach on the night of Sunday, Dec. 31. After crossing the line a day will be gained. Instead of the next day being Monday, Jan. 1, 1906, it will be Tuesday, Jan. 2, thus cheating the passengers aboard the Empress of the pleasure of seeing the old year out and the new year in.

Samuel T. Stewart, superintendent of the Dominion Express Co., Vancouver, died unexpectedly on Friday. He had been about as usual during the past week and had only just returned from a trip to Victoria.

The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Latchem, living a few miles south of Brandon, died from drinking butter coloring. Mrs. Latchem was busy during Thursday afternoon making butter, and left a small bottle containing the butter coloring on the back of the stove, which the child swallowed.

The will of the late R. J. Whittle, of Winnipeg, is being probated. Out of an estate estimated at \$600,000, fully \$150,000 is left in legacies outside the immediate family of the deceased. The bulk of the estate is left to Mrs. Whittle and her two daughters. About \$110,000 is to be divided in sums varying from \$10,000 to \$20,000 between deceased's four brothers and two sisters, and his adopted son, H. W. Whittle.

Brandon is discussing a project to hold an annual seed fair, snailion fair, poultry show, stock judging and lecture. These may develop in time into a general live stock show, it is thought.

Winnipeg was much interested in a police court case there last week in which two "spotters" testified against the keepers of a disorderly house and admitted that to secure evidence they had gone to the place and conducted themselves as ordinary frequenters.

Birth

AUSTIN—In Wetaskiwin, on the 21st., to Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Austin, triplets—two boys and one girl.

BULLOCK—Near Wetaskiwin, on the 20th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Bullock, a son.

McCARTHY—At the Maternity Hospital, Calgary, on Saturday, Dec. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. F. D. McCarthy, a daughter.

KVELLO—At Crooked Lake, on the 15th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. John Kvello, a son.

HORTON—On December 18, at Partridge Hills, the wife of Arthur Horton, of a daughter.

MORET—On December 20th, the wife of Leon Moret, Fort Saskatchewan, of a daughter.

GEbbie—At Calgary, Alta., on Saturday, Dec. 23, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gebbie, 309 13th avenue west, a son.

POUND—In Calgary on Friday, Dec. 22, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. William Pound, a daughter.

IRWIN—At Medicine Hat, on Dec. 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Irwin, a daughter.

BOMFORD—At Medicine Hat, on Dec. 17, to Mrs. S. Bomford, a daughter.

STEWART—At Medicine Hat, on Dec. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. R. Stewart, a daughter.

Marriage

SEEVERS—WILLS—At Calgary, by the Rev. G. H. Holbigin, Albert Severs, eldest son of the late Albert Severs, Tarn Lodge, Surbiton, England, to Miss Ivan Parke, widow of the late Dr. Ernst Wills, and youngest daughter of Sir Oliver Richardson, Newmarch, of Port House, Newberry, England.

Died

D'EASUM—At Fort Saskatchewan, on the 16th inst., Bernard Geoffrey Chichester, aged one year, eleven months, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. d'Easum.

DAVIS—In Calgary on Dec. 20th, Frank Davis, aged 40 years.

JONES—In Calgary on Dec. 18th, John Elmer Jones, aged 3 years and 6 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jones.

McGREGOR—At Dumdalk, Ont., on Thursday, December 21st., Mrs. Peter McGregor, mother of W. W. McGregor of the Ashdown Hardware Co.

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At a reduction of 20% off regular price as we have a large selection of Fancy Goods, Musical Instruments, Sheet Music, School Supplies, Etc. Watch for our store on

JASPER AVENUE

The Mirror

How hard he breathes, over the snow
I heard just now the crowing cock.
The shadows flicker to and fro,
The cricket chirps; the lights burn low;
Tis nearly twelve o'clock,

Shake hands old year, before you die,
Old year, we'll dearly rue for you,
What is it we can do for you?
Speak out before you die.

His face is growing sharp and thin,
Alack our friend is gone,
Close up his eyes, tie up his chin
Step from the corpse and let him in
That standeth there alone,

And waiteth at the door.
There's a new foot on the floor,
my friend

And a new face at the door, my friend,
A new face at the door.

Just a few hours in advance of the New Year, the writer of this page, which it is proposed to make a feature of the Saturday News, greets her readers for the first time. She comes to you a stranger and she has no doubt that you will all very frequently take her in—particularly when she sets out to discuss matters that have especial reference to the West. She is, in short, a female tenderfoot and has a great deal to learn about the great country into which she has come to make her home. She looks to her readers to help her. If they do, she may be able to help them to some extent in time. But she will not make any great promises for the present. It is true, however, as you were informed last week, that she has had considerable experience with work of this nature and it is very much to her liking. If then you will bear with her till she becomes to a slight extent accustomed to her surroundings, she has no doubt that she and her new newspaper acquaintances will get along famously.

This week I shall hardly do anything more than give you some slight idea of my plans for the conduct of this page. If you think that they could be improved upon, I should be very glad if you would write and tell me. The success of such an undertaking as this is due almost wholly to the personal interest that the readers themselves take in it. The editor who cannot arouse this interest speedily shows herself a failure. I'll tell you something of my experience in the past. At home in the East I tried various experiments. Departments of every shape and description made their appearance from time to time until they finally resolved themselves into four: a column of general comment, one dealing with household problems, another devoted to the reading of handwriting and the discussion of letters received from those interested in the page, and last but not least a department chronicling the social events of the week. While *The Mirror* (for I borrow my title from a former newspaper connection) was inaugurated as the special property of the woman of the Ontario city in which I lived, it was not long before one caught fleeting glimpses of gay young bachelors anxious for a glance into its depths. As time went on what was my surprise to find these in turn joined by benedicts, grave and otherwise, and

before long I felt that many of my best friends were to be found among those whom one would not think such a page would interest. I can wish nothing better than that this may prove the case in Edmonton. But I should not say Edmonton alone, for I feel assured that before very long the readers of the Saturday News will be found far beyond the borders of the city itself.

I think, then, that I can not do better for the present than follow the plan that I have outlined to you. It may be some weeks before all these departments can be placed on a satisfactory working basis. But the editor and reader alike will have to have patience.

I desire to call particular attention to the correspondence column. The following rules explain themselves and I sincerely hope that as many as possible will accept the invitation to communicate with me.

Those desiring a delineation of their character from their handwriting should write a letter at least a hundred words in length and sign a non de plume to it. Lined paper should in no case be used. An effort should be made to discuss some subject of interest. The coupon attached below should be clipped and enclosed and the letter addressed to "Peggy," care of the Saturday News.

CORRESPONDENCE COUPON

But I earnestly hope that my correspondence will not be confined to those who desire these delineations. I want to hear frequently from all who have anything to say that they think may be of interest to the other readers.

Meeting the eye as the leaves unfold
Such the heading; and for the rest
Some one had dreamed of a mine
of gold

Thousands of miles away in the West.

So he had bartered his plows and Kine,

Sold the roof-tree his fathers knew,

Set his face for the mountain mine—
"Gone to see if the dream was true."

Lad and lassie, maiden and man

Ah, they cannot escape the dream
God has placed in his own good plan

Giving them faith in the things that seem.

Hand in hand with a radiant smile,
Altar-plighted, the world all new,

Treading a rose embroidered aisle—
Oh, let us hope that the dream is true.

To be or not to be—whether it were better to endure the ills we had than those we know not of—were two rather facing questions that presented themselves to two young easterners not so very long since. As a solution to the vexed problem Mr. Easterner came West. You know the rest. With little, or no stretch of the imagination, you can picture the glowing letters of Mr. Easterner, in a day turned Westerner, the dubious and not wholly convinced looks of Mrs. E. and finally the breaking up of the home in the east and the striking out for the great West of the little family Mr. Westerner left behind him.

I have frequently smiled at the

enthusiasm with which Western men and women have disanted of the West. Arrived here I am ready to cry "hands up"—the half was not told me. Such vastness—such growth in a night must be seen to be appreciated.

On leaving Toronto and entering the Pullman I found I was to have as fellow passengers a party of Western girls going home for the Christmas holidays. All college girls are proverbially jolly but these particular girls were the breeziest and most wholesome collection it has been my good fortune to meet. Not one of them but was too impatient for words to leave the East with all its many undoubted advantages behind her for the sake of her western home and all for which it stood for all time to come.

"Do you know, Margaret S." said one, "if my father ever talked of moving east I'd be inclined to throttle him. I just hate Toronto with its nasty old damp weather. As soon as I get home I'm not going to do a thing but exercise our horses, and skate and skate and oh, have a bully time generally. There's not a single thing to do in Toronto and I'm just sick and tired of it."

"I'm going to take our automobile out the minute I get home," came from another.

Could this be the same wild and woolly West one had heard of?

On board besides my party of girls were several young Englishmen, all bound on the high road to fortune. Some were seeking it around Calgary on ranches of their own. Others were going on to the Coast. One and all had heard the call of the West and on not one face could I discern the faintest doubt but that their dreams of a golden harvest would be more than realized.

I cannot pretend to any enthusiasm for the scenery before reaching Jackfish Bay. A more absolutely uninteresting, bleak and dreary landscape I had never before encountered. But from there on I discovered several real beauty spots. The little settlements were at all times interesting and the brief view I had of Winnipeg was a genuine "eye opener." Calgary I found it hard to say good-bye to. A more absolutely picturesque city, a finer lot of men, I never hope to see. Leaving Calgary one had a distant but heavenly view of the mountains: fleeting but vastly impressing views of dozens of bustling little towns and then the brakeman—Heaven bless him—called "Strathcona" at last, and one rushed on one's wraps, tipped the porter an extra tip through very joy of having reached a four days journey's end and sallied forth for a view of Edmonton—one's future home—the most talked of city of the glorious West.

There is little use in my attempting to write at this short notice my impressions of Edmonton. They can only be of one character. I am this minute literally aghast at not only the magnificence of the scenery, but at the signs I see on all sides of prosperity and development. To think of a city becoming what Edmonton has under the adverse conditions that attended her growth, is to encounter a faith and evidence of such a citizenship as makes one speechless for very wonder. If Edmonton is what she is today under old conditions, what may we not hope for

her when railroads and other facilities are at her disposal. In the course of a delightful drive yesterday I saw many of the charming houses of the city, and have only one fault to find with them. Like Oliver Twist I would fain cry out for "more"; already have the wails of a houseless multitude reached my ears.

PRGGV.

Eastern Canada.

Adam Hayes, a 15 year old son of Samuel Hayes, Peterborough, is dead as the result of injuries received when coasting. His sleigh struck some bare ground, throwing him off.

A telegram from the Canadian Copper Co. at Sudbury says that Isaac Wirtton, one of their drill runners, fell down a slope, sustaining a fracture of the skull which caused almost instant death.

Ralph Wilson, aged 13, of Perth, was killed while attempting to jump on a moving freight train.

The transcontinental commission has been able to announce that a very low grade has been secured for the road between Winnipeg and the seaboard. The grade eastward will be four-tenths of one per cent, and westward six-tenths of one per cent. The grade eastward will practically be a level line and certainly the best in the world. It has also been decided to run the road north of Lake Abitibi and construction contracts will be let from Quebec west and from Winnipeg east in January. Other contracts will be let as fast as location permits. In New Brunswick the surveys for the two proposed routes have been stopped for the winter. A number of western contractors will send in tenders.

Henry Herlich was found at the C.P.R. station in Woodstock, Ont., on Friday, in a pool of blood with his head cut off lying between the rails at the switch on main track, a hundred feet from the station. He was a well known hotel keeper.

The International Live Stock exposition in Chicago ended Saturday. In the contest for the grand champion Shorthorn match, Queen Ideal, the Canadian champion, was awarded first honors.

Mr. E. W. Brown of Agricola was in the city on Friday. He goes out on Mr. Cautley's survey which leaves about the 3rd of January.

Major Strickland, R. N. W. M. P. was in Edmonton on Friday.

Rev. T. C. Buchanan, of Calgary, Superintendent of Methodist missions and for four years pastor of McDougall Church here, was in the city on Saturday on his way home, after a visit to Vegreville and Vermillion. At the latter place, Mr. Buchanan assisted in the opening of a new church the first between Edmonton and Lloydminster.

Lieutenant-Governor Bulleya has gone on a two weeks' trip to the Okanagan valley. No reception will be held at Government House on New Year's Day, the building not yet being ready for occupancy.

Mrs. C. Hall has gone to pay a visit to Toronto.

Mrs. M. R. Miller and children and Mrs. and Mrs. and Miss Mills are visiting in Stratford, Ontario.

The Hudson's Bay Co.

NOW IS THE TIME

to do your Xmas Shopping, don't leave it off until the last moment. There are only 8 more shopping days till Xmas, and during those days we have prepared some Spicy Bargains for you.

Fancy Boxes Note Paper & Envelopes, ruled and plain, per box

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Ladies' Irish Linen Hdkfs. small linen, in doz lots, per doz

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Fancy Needle Cases, nicely put up, metal corners, 100 needles

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Japanese Work Baskets . . . 20c. up

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Kid Gloves always make a Welcome Gift. Here's a Special for Xmas.

Fine French Kid, 2 domes tan and grey, well worth \$1. . . 75c.

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Fancy Blouse Silks . . . 25c.

Fancy Blouse Silks . . . 50c.

Fancy Blouse Silks . . . 75c.

These have all been reduced for the Christmas Trade.

Leather Writing Cases, Work Baskets, Toilet and Manicure Sets. These goods are of a high quality and low in price. You should see them.

We are offering Big Reductions in all our Ladies' and Children's Coats.

HUDSON'S BAY STORES

In the Athletic World.

A person present at the Thistle Rink on Christmas Day would never doubt the hold which hockey has on the people of Edmonton and Strathcona.

The rink affords excellent accommodation but it could not have possibly contained a larger crowd. The game was most stubbornly contested and on the whole a good, clean exhibition. At half-time the score stood three goals to one in favor of the visitors, and the determination with which Edmonton proceeded to pull the game out of the fire in the second half, scoring four goals to nothing for their opponents, excited unbounded enthusiasm. Some of the combination in the rushes made by the forwards couldn't have been better. Deaton figured very largely in these. The return match on Monday in Strathcona will be awaited with much interest.

"K" writes the Saturday News as follows:—

During the recent campaign for civic offices, we heard a great deal of talk about parks. We were told our children would grow up "weak and narrow chested," for want of exercise. How about the young men? At present the only winter sports in town are hockey and curling. The other winter sports are so numerous that it seems a pity not to indulge in some of them.

If the city, with government help, built a drill hall and started up a volunteer corps, I believe they would get lots of members. The hall could be used for boxing and fencing, dancing and basket-ball, especially the latter which is a fine game, when played on a good floor. The game is a very popular one on the coast, and I see no reason why it should not flourish here.

The drill hall in Victoria is used

for all these purposes and even though the climate permits of several outdoor games, it and several other halls pay handsomely.

The San Francisco Y.M.C.A. has a large gymnasium with a running track and training machine, etc.

Hoping that this letter will start some able pens going.

I am, Sir,

Yours for Sport,
"K."

That basket ball would become an exceedingly popular game, if proper facilities existed for playing it, there is no doubt. There are many in the city who have played it elsewhere, and a first-class team could be gathered together at short notice. The game is one that some people think hardly worthy of a rugged athlete. This idea is doubtless due to the fact that it has been adopted and been made a success in many girls' schools. But it is like tennis in this respect, that it can be made to afford both the strongest and the mildest exercise. Some of the best football players prefer it to all others as a winter amusement. If our correspondent is patient, perhaps the means may be found to play it before long. The city has grown at such a remarkable rate that it has been found altogether impossible to keep up with its needs.

In Wetaskiwin the banks are playing hockey and last week the Imperial and Nova Scotia combined and defeated the Merchants by seven to five. The ladies, as is always the case with bank hockey, are following the games with the keenest interest. McIntosh for the winners was ruled out four times for skating too fast.

Two rinks are playing each evening in Wetaskiwin for the Farris curling trophy.

The New Zealand Rugby footballers in their match at Newport (Monmouth) on Saturday last, narrowly escaped defeat. After a stubborn game in which the Newport men gave a splendid exhibition of Rugby, half-time arrived with the All Black leading by six points, three being scored from a penalty goal and three from a try.

In the second half the Newport men had the best of the game and scored three points from a penalty goal, full time arriving with the score standing six to three.

The tour of the All Blacks is now drawing to a close and evidently the men from down under are getting somewhat off color. Several of their best men are also suffering from hard knocks received during their games and are consequently standing down. That their marvelous form has been retained right up till the present and the fact that they have won all their games with one exception, that against Wales, establishes a record in the history of Rugby football.

Secretary J. McLean of the Curling Club has drawn up a schedule of the games in the draw for the Edmonton Brewing and Maltng Co. cup. As only two sheets of ice have been reserved for these games, two games only will be played each night. The first game took place on Wednesday night between rinks skipped by A. C. Fraser and J. B. Mercer, resulting in a victory for the former by 17 to 6. The opposing sides were: O. M. Biggar, C. H. Simpson, E. Rymer, A. C. Fraser and A. Anderson, R. J. Hamilton, R. W. Day and J. B. Mercer.

The first game between the Winnipeg and the Ottawas, holders of the Stanley Cup, resulted on Thursday night in a victory for the champions by 8 to 4. The contest was fast and at any time rough, the superior combination of the Ottawas being mainly responsible for the victory.

Real Estate News

The Real Estate situation continues steadily active and as soon as the holiday season is over, announcements of some big transactions are looked for. Each week brings a large number of newcomers to the city and the demand for houses is all the time getting more out of proportion to the supply.

A York of the Edmonton Realty Co. informed the Saturday News yesterday that he expected to put through three large deals within the coming week. A number of American capitalists took advantage of the cheap railway rates to come to Edmonton within the past few days and look over the situation here.

The most important real estate event of the past week has been the acquisition by Messrs. McDougall & Secord of the exhibition grounds. They are said to be in possession of about 400 of the 600 shares, for which they paid in the neighborhood of \$10 a share. The Association last January offered to sell the grounds to the city for \$30,000. The property consists of 11 acres. More particulars are likely to come out at the adjourned annual meeting of the association to be held on Jan. 8. Messrs. McDougall & Secord state that they are anxious to

help the city get a desirable park site at a reasonable cost.

Two lots at the corner of Athabasca and Fourth streets which were purchased last March by L. M. McLeod for \$1700 sold for \$5500 on Saturday, the purchaser being Paul Randeyck and the deal negotiated by E. J. Taylor.

The assessment department in Winnipeg reports that there have been over 7000 property transfers in that city during the present year.

W. B. Fairbanks, a well-known real estate dealer, spent a few days in Edmonton this week. He will visit the coast before returning home. He is said to be acting for a wealthy English client.

Messrs. W. S. Weeks & Co. report that during the holidays there has been no abatement in the demand for property. Inquiries have been numerous and sales amounting to \$55,500 have been effected. These sales were on lots situated on Jasper avenue, MacDougall street and First street, besides some residence property in the west end section of the city. "A movement is taking place also in the east end localities," said a member of the firm to the Saturday News "which it will be remembered was prognosticated some time ago. The indications are that prices will considerably advance during the next sixty days, and our advice to all is to lose no time in buying at an early date as possible. The many enterprises contemplated which will soon be accomplished is sufficient reason to encourage legitimate buying. At the present prices no one need hesitate—taking into consideration the population of Edmonton. Our firm which has been sixteen years in the real estate business in the west has never experienced such an enquiry and made so many sales as were made during December, 1905, the grand total being slightly in excess of \$203,000."

Among the sales made this week by Rolfe and Kenwood were two lots on Fraser avenue at \$1000 each and one on Eighth street west for \$2,500. A house on Jasper avenue brought \$5000.

The report is current that the Ames-Holten company of Winnipeg is seeking a site in Edmonton for the location of a large wholesale warehouse. It is confidently expected that a large number of wholesalers will establish branches here in the spring.

W. H. Nightingale a former former resident master of Trinity College school, Port Hope, has opened a preparatory school for boys on 3rd st, Edmonton. Both boarders and day pupils are being taken.

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EXIT 1905

Turn Over a New Leaf and Trade at Revillon Brothers, Limited.

ENTER 1906

In Sunny Alberta.

The C.P.R. are erecting stalls at the "Y" in Wetaskiwin, for the protection of the engines on the branch line east. It is thought that this is the nucleus of something greater in the way of C.P.R. building at this point.

Chas. Lindall, one of the most prominent citizens of the Lewisville district, left Thursday morning for Cuba, where he will take up his residence.

T. A. Ker, of Victoria, a member of the Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd., was present on invitation at a recent meeting of the Strathcona Board of Trade and participated in the discussions of the Board. Speaking of the Oriental trade Mr. Ker expressed himself as believing that there is an immense future for Western Canada trade with China and Japan. It is growing rapidly and promises to be of immense commercial value to not only British Columbia but all the Western Provinces.

Coal is being sold at Nil Fars mine at Earling, at \$1.50 a ton.

Rev. F. Danby, of Richmond, Ont., will take charge of the Belmont Presbyterian circuit shortly.

L. Ingraham, Government fishery guardian at Pidgeon Lake, has been appointed a fishery overseer with magisterial powers, acting under instructions from the fishery inspector for Alberta.

Jos. Edmiston, of Lambton, has been appointed a special guardian for Spotted Lake Creek, and James Price, formerly of Belmont, a fish-

ery guardian for Dried Meat Lake.

The fire engine, chemical engine, hose reels, and other fire protection appliances recently purchased by Fort Saskatchewan have arrived there.

William F. McEachren, a well-known resident of Strathcona, has succumbed to pneumonia, leaving a widow and three small children.

The erection of a \$10,000 flour mill is being projected in High River.

Manager Miller, of the Bank of Commerce, Vegreville, has been transferred to Wanton.

In the birth column of this issue is noted the arrival of triplets in the home of Rev. Charles Austin, of Wetaskiwin. Mr. Austin's congregation have signalized the event by presenting him with \$125 in gold.

Dr. Parsons of Red Deer has been appointed C. P. R. surgeon. Dr. Parsons' territory will extend as far as Ponoka on the north and will take in the Lacombe branch. Dr. S. Archibald, who has hitherto included Red Deer in his district, will continue as company's surgeon at Strathcona.

Joseph Daly, a well-known Montreal commercial traveller, was stricken down by paralysis while in Edmonton some days ago and died in the Public hospital on Wednesday. H. W. Moffat of Lubbock and Moffat, left on Thursday to take the body to Montreal. Mr. Daly was a very popular man on the road and his death under these particularly sad circumstances will occasion much regret.

Lost for Three Months

Remarkable Experiences of Two Trappers up North.

On Sunday night two young trappers named George Cornell and Scot Pitzier spent a few hours in Edmonton. They came in from McLeod river, and from the accounts which they have given have had one of the most remarkable experiences in the history of the Canadian northland. On the 15th of August last they lost their way and for three whole months wandered about in search of a human habitation. They had but a scanty supply of provisions and soon had to begin killing their horses for food. Five out of six of them they consumed. Their stock of matches ran short and they had to carry their fire in a kettle for two months. They came down from McLeod river with a survey party's team and left the city shortly after their arrival here. Those who saw them say that the young men look no worse for their long experience of privation.

A special audit is being held in Raymond into the books of R. O. Matheson, late municipal clerk and treasurer and proprietor of the Raymond Chronicle. Mr. Matheson came to Edmonton about the middle of November to take a post in the education department but remained only a few days.

The local lodge of the Knights of Pythias is preparing for a gala night in connection with the installation of new officers on January 8th. The orchestra will be in attendance.

Broke Through Ice

Entire Outfit Lost on way to Lesser Slave Lake

The difficulties of travel in the northern country at this time of the year are illustrated by the experience of W. Cunningham who left Edmonton a week ago to haul freight for the Hudson Bay Company. He started out with three loads for Lesser Slave Lake. When crossing the Athabasca River, he broke through the ice and lost his entire outfit. Three horses were drowned and he narrowly escaped losing his own life.

Serious Effect on Hog Packers

C. C. L. Wilson, Manager of the Ingersoll Packing Company, states that the order in Council, which will go into force on January 1st, prohibiting the importation and slaughter in bond of hogs from the United States would seriously affect their business. In the past the company had been unable to get enough Canadian hogs to keep their factory running to its full capacity, and American hogs were imported, killed and cured here and exported to England. Mr. Wilson stated that the company will now be unable to keep their factory running full time unless they can purchase more Canadian hogs than in the past.